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DAYS OF LEARNING



- A video about **Gov. Robert Ray and Tai Dam refugees**.
- Step-by-step directions for a **Scandinavian folk art called Kolrosing**.
- A virtual tour of **200 years of paintings at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport**.

Find all of this, plus recommendations for history-based podcasts, articles and books, in a new initiative called **Days of Learning**, an online showcase of Iowa art, history, film and culture curated by staff from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and other cultural and humanities organizations.

The first collection, "**Iowa's People and Places**," coincides with a new **exhibition** at the State Historical Museum of Iowa as part of the year-long commemoration of Iowa's 175th Anniversary.

EXPLORE THE DAYS OF LEARNING COLLECTION

2021 Preserve Iowa Summit, Online June 3-5

Register today for the 2021 Preserve Iowa Summit and **learn new ways to save Iowa's past for the future through presentations, workshops and virtual tours**. Designed for professionals and volunteers involved in historic preservation, the three-day program features a keynote



address and awards ceremony, breakout webinars, and how-to sessions for [Local History Network](#) members and others.

The summit is proudly presented by the State Historic Preservation Office and co-hosted by the city of Council Bluffs.

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Explore Iowa History Online

Join the thousands of Iowans who have tuned in online for the [Iowa History 101](#) and [Iowa Stories](#) webinars during the past month. You can watch four new programs in the next few weeks or catch up on recordings of previous recordings from both popular series.

Iowa History 101

Quality Seeds to Feed the World

April 22

Join Michael Stahr of the Iowa State University Seed Laboratory as he explores the work of Iowa State researchers from **Louis H. Pammel and George Washington Carver to today's world-renowned Seed Science Center**. Dig into more than a century of seed science and its impact on farmers, businesses and others around the world.



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Iowa Stories

Thunder from the Prairie: The Life of Harold Hughes

April 29

Join Jerry Harrington to **learn more about the charismatic governor and U.S. senator** who rose from the depths of alcoholism to lead Iowa during the tumultuous 1960s, through controversies about liquor by the drink, legislative reapportionment, Amish schools, racial tensions, the Vietnam War and more.

Iowa History 101

**Iowa's Newest National Historic
Landmark: The Surf Ballroom**
May 13

Join Alexa McDowell as she discusses the multi-faceted history of the **Surf Ballroom**. Nationally recognized as the final performance venue of **Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson**, the Surf Ballroom also illustrates the role of small venues in bringing both big-name and rising stars to towns across the Midwest.



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Iowa History 101
**Connecting to the Authentic: The State
Historical Society of Iowa's Historic
Sites**
May 27

Join Michael Plummer, the State Historic Sites manager for the State Historical Society of Iowa, to **learn some stories from the sites** as well as a few highlights visitors can discover when they see them in person.



During the past year, educators from across the state have been using the State Historical Museum of Iowa's digital history resources in growing numbers. To continue to help connect teachers and students to Iowa history, we are introducing **Virtual Exhibit Experiences**.

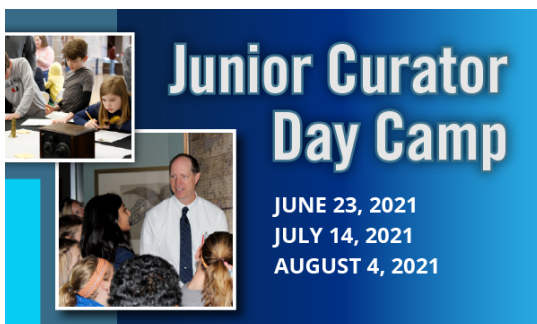
The free program offers both live and pre-recorded options that enable educators and students to **examine artifacts and explore themes from museum exhibitions** in the comfort of their homes and classrooms – with guidance from a museum staff member. The first three Virtual Classroom Programs programs focus on:

- Iowa and the Civil War
- The Iowa Territory
- Iowa's People & Places

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Youth & Family Programs

Do you have an aspiring curator or writer in the house? Why not sign them up for Junior Curator Day Camp or the Young Writers' Workshop? Participants in these programs get to **explore the State Historical Museum of Iowa, examine historical artifacts, practice historical research and learn skills** they can apply to school and future careers.



Junior Curator Day Camp is for students entering 4th-6th grades and gives them opportunities to learn about museums and the role of curators. The camps will be offered **June 23, July 14 or Aug. 4.**

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Young Writers' Workshop is for students entering 7th-12th grades and offers a chance to learn about Iowa history with unique educational experiences. The workshop will take place **June 14-18.**

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